

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-3. (Cancelled)
4. (Currently Amended) The elevator car assembly as recited in ~~claim 2~~claim 7, wherein said brace comprises a steel sheet.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Currently Amended) The elevator car assembly as recited in ~~claim 5~~claim 7, wherein said braces are secured to said upright by a single fastener.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~The elevator car assembly as recited in claim 5, An~~
elevator car assembly comprising:
a frame including a plurality of uprights and a plank beam between the uprights;
a platform adjustably supported upon said frame, said platform being selectively
adjustable relative to said frame to select an amount of the platform that is positioned on each of
opposite sides of the uprights for balancing said assembly;
at least one brace mounted between said platform and at least one of said uprights, said
brace stabilizing said platform in a selected position relative to said plank beam, said at least
one brace comprising a plurality of braces mounted in a substantially V-shaped orientation
between said platform and said upright,
wherein each of said braces includes said slot and ~~said member comprises~~comprising a
fastener at least partially received through said slots to secure said braces to said upright.
8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The elevator car assembly as recited in claim 8, wherein~~
An elevator car assembly comprising:

a frame including a plurality of uprights and a plank beam between the uprights;
a platform adjustably supported upon said frame, said platform being selectively
adjustable relative to said frame to select an amount of the platform that is positioned on each of
opposite sides of the uprights for balancing said assembly;

at least one brace mounted between said platform and at least one of said uprights, said
brace stabilizing said platform in a selected position relative to said plank beam, said brace
including a slot near an end of said brace that cooperates with said platform such that said end
is adjustable relative to said platform to alter a position of said platform relative to said plank
beam.

~~said brace includes~~including a second slot near an opposite end of said brace that
cooperates with said upright such that said opposite end is adjustable relative to said upright to
alter a position of said platform.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~The assembly of claim 1~~claim 9, wherein the platform is
adjustable relative to the frame in at least a first direction within a plane of said platform and
in a second direction that is not parallel to said plane.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The assembly of claim 1~~claim 9, including a plurality of
fixed length braces securing said platform in a selected position relative to said frame.

12. Cancelled.

13. (Currently Amended) The elevator car frame assembly as recited in ~~claim 12~~claim 7, wherein said ~~brace comprises a slot and including a fastener that is at least partially received through said slot to secure said brace to one of said platform or said first upright, said slot having said slot has~~ a dimension that is larger than a dimension of said fastener to permit said brace to be longitudinally moveable relative to said fastener into a selected position.

14. (Currently Amended) The elevator car frame assembly as recited in claim 13, wherein said brace comprises a second slot and including a second fastener that is at least partially received through said second slot to secure said brace to ~~the other of said platform or said first upright~~, said second slot having a dimension that is larger than a dimension of said second fastener to permit said brace to be longitudinally moveable relative to said second fastener into a selected position.

15. (Currently Amended) The elevator car frame assembly as recited in ~~claim 12, comprising a plurality of~~claim 7, wherein said braces comprise fixed-length braces adjustably mounted to said platform and said uprights.

16. (Currently Amended) The elevator car frame assembly as recited in ~~claim 12~~claim 7, wherein said platform has a plurality of layers separated by a plurality of isolation pads, said isolation pads having an equal weight distribution thereon.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a portion of an elevator car assembly comprising the steps of:

(1)—placing a platform upon a plank beam;

supporting the car assembly in a hoistway relative to guiderails;

allowing the car assembly to tilt relative to the guiderails based upon a current weight distribution of the car assembly; and

(2)—adjusting a position of the platform relative to the plank beam to selectively distribute an amount of the platform on each of opposite sides of the plank beam to thereby change the weight distribution of the car assembly within the hoistway; and

balance the car assembly.

18. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 17, including adjusting a position of at least one brace extending between the platform and an upright secured to the plank beam.

19. (Previously Presented) A method as recited in claim 17, comprising securing a cab to the platform and subsequently adjusting the position of the platform with respect to the plank beam.

20-21. (Cancelled)